

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A clock multiplier, comprising:

a first clock multiplication circuit for multiplying the frequency of an input clock based on a delay time;

5 an inverter for inverting the output clock of the first clock multiplication circuit;

a first low pass filter connected to the output of the inverter;

a second low pass filter connected to the output of the first clock multiplication circuit; and

10 an amplifier for comparing the output voltages of the first low pass filter and the second low pass filter so as to feedback-control the delay time of the first clock multiplication circuit.

2. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the first clock multiplication circuit comprises:

15 a first voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the input clock by the delay time; and

a first exclusive OR (XOR) gate connected to the input clock and the output of the first voltage-controlled delay line.

20 3. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the first voltage-controlled delay line is operative to delay the input clock by one-fourth period of the input clock.

4. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 2, which is a clock doubler.

25 5. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the duty cycle of the output clock of the first clock multiplication circuit is

approximately 50%.

6. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the first clock multiplication circuit comprises:

5 a first voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the input clock by the delay time;

an XOR gate connected to the input clock and the output of the first voltage-controlled delay line;

a second voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the output clock of the first voltage-controlled delay line by the delay time; and

10 an exclusive NOR (XNOR) gate connected to the outputs of the XOR gate and the second voltage-controlled delay line.

7. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the first voltage-controlled delay line and the second voltage-controlled delay line respectively delay the input clock and the output clock of the first voltage-controlled delay line by one-sixth period of the input clock.

8. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 6, which is a 3X clock multiplier.

9. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 2, further comprising a second clock multiplication circuit, which comprises:

20 a second voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the output of the first XOR gate by the delay time; and

a second XOR gate connected to the outputs of the first XOR gate and the second voltage-controlled delay line.

10. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 9, wherein the first voltage-controlled delay line and the second voltage-controlled delay line respectively delay the input clock and the output clock of the first

XOR gate by one-fourth period and one-eighth period of the input clock.

11. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 9, which is a 4X clock multiplier.

12. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 10, wherein
5 the first voltage-controlled delay line is constituted by a third voltage-controlled delay line and a fourth voltage-controlled delay line connected in series, and the third voltage-controlled delay line and the fourth voltage-controlled delay line individually delay the input clock by one-eighth period of the input clock.

10 13. A clock multiplier, comprising:

a first clock multiplication circuit for multiplying the frequency of an input clock based on a delay time;

a second low pass filter connected to the output of the first clock multiplication circuit; and

15 an amplifier for comparing a one-half supply voltage and the output voltage of the second low pass filter so as to feedback-control the delay time of the first clock multiplication circuit.

14. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the first clock multiplication circuit comprises:

20 a first voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the input clock by the delay time; and

a first XOR gate connected to the input clock and the output of the first voltage-controlled delay line.

15 25 15. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the duty cycle of the output clock of the first clock multiplication circuit is approximately 50%.

16. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the first clock multiplication circuit comprises:

a first voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the input clock by the delay time;

5 an XOR gate connected to the input clock and the output of the first voltage-controlled delay line;

a second voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the output of the first voltage-controlled delay line by the delay time; and

10 an XNOR gate connected to the outputs of the XOR gate and the second voltage-controlled delay line.

17. The clock multiplier in accordance with Claim 13, further comprising a second clock multiplication circuit, which comprises:

a second voltage-controlled delay line for delaying the output of the first XOR gate by the delay time; and

15 a second XOR gate connected to the outputs of the first XOR gate and the second voltage-controlled delay line.